

Gloucestershire County Courses for Scouts and Explorers ~ Spring 2010



How to apply

- Check with your leaders that it is OK for you to go. (Get them to sign your application form.)
- Fill in the form below and post it with correct payment.
- Use separate cheques to "**Gloucestershire Scouts**"
- Joining details will be sent to you beforehand.
- **Scouts must be able to swim 50 metres in light clothes & keep afloat for 5 minutes for these courses.

Good Communications

Getting information out can be made easier:

- Talk to Paddy if you have any questions: **01242 862354**
- Copy and pass on this leaflet to as many people as you can.
- Details of all badges can be found at www.scoutbase.org.uk

****Scuba Diving** See County website for full details and separate application forms for:

Discover Scuba Try Dives 7th February **FULL**, 18th April OR 11th July **£11**

Open Water Scuba Qualification Weekend **Course 1:** 30th April/2nd May AND 14th/16th May; **Course 2:** 3rd/5th September AND 17th/19th September **£325**

Scuba Advanced Open Water 11th/13th June OR 29th/31st October **£220**

Climber Thursday 18th & Friday 19th February Mid week half term course at the Warehouse Climbing Centre in Gloucester: Climbing & bouldering using the extensive facilities and fully qualified instructors. All climbing equipment provided. Non-residential. **£36**

Mountain Activities Introductory Weekend 26th/27th February Short weekend meeting in a local Scout HQ on Friday evening to plan Saturday's activities. Travel by minibus early on Saturday to South Wales for a day in the Brecon Beacons. Transport, indoor accommodation & food provided. This weekend will offer the opportunity to learn about planning and preparation for mountain walking, with a full day hill walking with walks suitable for all ages and abilities. This weekend could count towards the Explorer Scout **Mountain Activities Badge** or the Scout **Hillwalker Badge** and **Adventure Challenge**. **£16**

Badge Weekend Friday 5th/Sunday 7th March Cranham indoors, catering provided. Choose **ONE** badge:
1. Pioneer: learn more knots and lashings from an excellent team. Build some interesting structures outdoors such as an Ariel runway. **£28**
2. Emergency Aid: To the level of the St John's Lifesaver Plus Award & YL Module K. **£33**

Expedition Weekends 12th/14th March (W1) AND 16th/18th April (W2) £50

Choose **ONE** of these options and show your choice clearly on application form:

- Expedition Challenge:** (Scouts) W1: Training** W2: Expedition (hiking with day kit and camping at Cranham).
- Platinum + DofE Bronze hike:** (Explorers) W1: Training** & practice hike. W2 Expedition (hiking with full kit and camping at Cranham).
- Diamond Training & DofE Silver+ Practice Expedition:** (Explorers/Network) This can follow on with a two night expedition in the summer at Glos Camp [7th/14th August]. W1 can be used for training** [if required]. W2 can be used for a practice expedition but a two night practice hike is also required.

***Training will include map reading, compass work, route planning, first aid, hike camping, cooking, kit check, Highway & County Codes, emergency procedures etc.*

Hikes Away Staged Activity Badge: All the above options will also count towards this.

Caving Weekend 19th/21st March Weekend in Forest of Dean exploring the many exciting cave systems in the area. Indoors at Beaver Lodge, Parkend with food provided. Lead by the experienced members of the County Caving Team. **£26**

Mountain Activities Long Weekend 30th April/3rd May Bank Holiday weekend in the Lake District. Transport, indoor accommodation & food provided. This weekend will offer the opportunity for two full days mountain walking, and the possible options of scrambling, gorge walking and/or rock climbing. Suitable for Scouts of all abilities, aged 12 and over, possibly younger with experience and by prior arrangement with the organisers. This weekend could count towards the Explorer Scout **Mountain Activities Badge** or the Scout **Hillwalker Badge** and **Adventure Challenge**. Conditions permitting, it may be possible for more experienced Explorers to spend a lightweight night out in the hills so please state if you are interested in this option. **£60 (except chippie en route!)**

NOTE: Details courses may change. To get up to date info email paddydj.langham@bopenworld.com to be added to the monthly news letter. Also go to the County website for the latest on courses and application forms. <http://www.gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk/notices.htm> The password is **GLOS2007**

- **Watersports courses** (non-residential) **Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th May** You must be able to attend both days and be a confident swimmer able to swim 50m in light clothing and able to keep afloat for 5 minutes. Venue: South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre. All equipment and instruction provided. Choose **ONE** of the following 4 options. Show your choice clearly on the application form:
- 1. Sailing:** learn to sail and gain RYA level 1 award - a start on the way to the Dinghy Sailing Scout Activity Badge **£59**
 - 2. Windsurfing:** learn to windsurf and on completing the Royal Yachting Association National Windsurfing Scheme Level 1 gain the Scout Watersports Activity Badge **£59**
 - 3. Snorkelling:** learn how to snorkel and explore beneath the lake and on completing the Snorkel Diver Award of the British Sub-aqua Club gain the Scout Watersports Activity Badge **£59**
 - 4. Canoeing/kayaking:** learn to kayak and canoe and on completing British Canoe Union's Paddlepower Passport gain the Scout Canoeist Activity Badge **£45**

Survival Skills Saturday 28th /Monday 30th May £30 Held at Miserden Park (the home of our County President Tom Wills). We will be 'surviving' in an area of outstanding beauty.

- 1. Survival Skills** (novices) – The original basic course leading to the Scout Activity Badge. An action packed weekend including cooking over open fires without pots and pans; building and sleeping in a bivouac; learning all about surviving in the great outdoors. Not for the youngest Scouts however as it is quite a demanding weekend.
- 2. Bushcraft & Survival 1** (more experienced) – for those who have already done a basic survival course.
- 3. Bushcraft & Survival 2** (for those who have already done B&S1) Take your skills to even higher levels.
- 4. Nomads** This is a really advanced course on which you 'survive' with just the basics. It is only open to those who have already completed B&S and is by invitation only. Show clearly which course you are interested in.

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Name:	Cost:
Address:	Dates/day:
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* These email addresses will be used for all further details.

Put details of experience & what you want to do & other needs on back of form.

Parents/Guardians Declaration: I give permission to attend this course and enclose the correct fee.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Leader's Declaration: I have discussed the requirements of the course and am satisfied that this Scout/Explorer is capable of completing it successfully.

Leader's name (please print): _____ Signature of Leader: _____

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